



**2023-2024 Meeting #1 May 17, 2023**  
**Yukon Land Use Planning Boardroom**  
**9:00am-12:30pm**  
**MINUTES**

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## **Participants**

**Council:** Neil Salvin (Chair), Lois Craig (Member), Tess McLeod (Member).

**Staff:** Tim Sellars (Director), Michelle Christensen (Administrator and minute taker), Sam Skinner (Senior Land Use Planner), Andrea Kenderova (Manager of Finance and Administration – zoom) and Joe Copper Jack (Consultant).

**Guests:** Mike Draper (YG), Charlotte Luscombe (TH - zoom), Nathalie Lowry (ECCC-CWS - zoom), Annie-Claude Latendre (Yukon Water Board - zoom), Krysti Horton (YG - zoom), Ron Cruikshank (zoom).

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## **1.0 Review Agenda**

**Motion 2023-05-01: To approve the Agenda.**

**Moved by Tess McLeod**

**Seconded by Lois Craig**

***Motion Passed***

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## **2.0 YLUPC Minutes**

Council reviewed the February 3, 2023 (Meeting #4) Minutes:

- Add full listing of meetings held up to February 3, under “Chair’s Report”.

**Motion 2023-05-02: To approve the Minutes from Meeting #4, February 3, 2023 as amended.**

**Moved by Lois Craig**

**Seconded by Tess McLeod**

***Motion Passed***

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## **3.0 Public Lands Act**

Mike Draper provided an update on the Public Lands Act.

- **Working groups** with First Nation membership, to do a deeper dive on 6 issues:
  - Backcountry land use (**in progress**)
  - Compliance (**in progress**)
  - Land Use Planning (**summer/fall**)
  - Decision Making
  - Roads

- Land Tenure
- A discussion paper on all six issues will be ready by the new year.
- Stakeholder working groups have been set up too.
- **New timeline:** The Lands Act by 2026-27.
- **Comments on YLUPC's letter:**
  - YG is building planning elements into the legislation,
  - taking into account interim measures as well as plan implementation.
- **Resource road regulations:**
  - Will address socioeconomic impacts.
  - May need to be amended if successor legislation goes through.
  - only regulations of their kind in Canada
  - All stages of road development are included, from the construction phase to remediation.
  - Commissions could ask that certain roads fall under the regulations.
  - Access permits can be issued for portions of roads, for various purposes.
- Mike will provide the Council with an update in two months.

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#### **4.0 Meeting Debriefings**

The Director and Chair provided updates on recent meetings attended by staff:

- Northwest Boreal Partnership
  - Representatives attended from AK, YT, NWT, BC.
  - Good discussions around cross border linkages.
- Land & Water Relationship Planning
  - Attended and gave a presentation – a good opportunity to provide an update on the status of regional planning.
  - Surprised many didn't know about YLUPC and regional land use planning.
- Dawson Regional Planning Commission
  - Methods Report has been finalized and posted to the website.
  - TH and YG – will have a combined response to the Dawson Recommended plan
  - Commission feedback to Council re: strategic planning.
  - Tim and Neil met with Tim G to discuss Peel Terms & Conditions
- YESAA CE Forum Summary Report (written summary provided)
  - Recognition of work done by DRPC and Sam – cumulative effects frameworks for Yukon.
  - Section 110 and 112 discussions
  - Increasing recognition of socioeconomic and sociocultural impacts.

Action: Staff to review Methods Report for recommendations that Council needs to act on.

Action: Staff to invite Nature Agreement group to upcoming Council meeting.

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#### **5.0 Director and Chair Reports**

**Tim Sellars** (written report provided)

- Dawson – TH and YG continuing review of Recommended Plan.
- Dawson Senior Planner, Nicole Percival has left her position. We are hiring a replacement. The hiring committee includes YG, TH and Commission Chair. Budget is for 2 positions.
- NND Region – ToR is being developed and a technical working group struck.
- Carcross/Teslin working group is underway.
- YLUPC Strategic Planning session: May 23 and 24.
- New website has been launched.
- Neil and Tim gave a presentation at the RRC Annual General Workshop.
- Annual report is underway.
- Received 1<sup>st</sup> payment from Yukon for this fiscal year.
- Annual audit is underway.
- IPTK appointments are in place. Joe and Tim are working to setup an IPTK meeting.

Action: YLUPC staff to invite previous IPTK members to upcoming IPTK meeting.

Action: Staff to email Council the NND region draft ToR with updates.

**Neil Salvin**

- May 3 met with Yukon ADMs (Shehnaz Ali and Heather Mills)
- Ongoing role of Commissions to be discussed at the next Leads meeting.

Action: YLUPC staff to contact CYFN and determine Jesse Hudson's replacement.

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**6.0 Lois Craig's Departure/Appreciation**

Council members and guests thanked Lois for her many years of dedication to YLUPC and wished her well moving forward.

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**7.0 10-Year Funding Projections**

Council discussed the Regional Planning Funding Adequacy.

- Potential value of communicating the memo beyond Council.
- Revisions were made to the options presented.
- There are many possibilities as to how planning could unfold and that planning outside of Chapter 11 is not included here.

Discussion

- Regional planning hubs concept: e.g. shared offices/resources in Dawson.
- Indigenous Stewardship Framework phase of planning needs to be prioritized.
- How We Walk process – millions of dollars to prepare them to engage. First Nations shouldn't have to look for funding for preplanning work.
- Need an agreement between YG and FNs that triggers Chapter 11 funding to flow.
- Anticipating a set of questions from the Parties as part of the funding review.



Action: Staff to present the Funding Adequacy memo to the Parties, emphasizing the importance of pre-planning work/funding, for review and then circulate to Council.

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### **8.0 Metallic Minerals Court Case**

Briefing and Discussion

- Council will continue to monitor how things unfold.

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### **9.0 Correspondence and Media**

- YESAB letter re: interim measures during regional planning processes
  - Interim measures need to be applied by the Parties.
  - Terms of Reference can speak to Interim Measures.

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### **10.0 Meeting Dates**

- Strategic Planning: May 23-24.
- On the Land Gathering – TBD
  - Potential funding through CIRNAC.
  - Build on previous gathering and revisit actions that came out of it.
  - Could delay until next spring if necessary – take the time needed to do it well.
- Meeting #2 – TBD
  - Schedule when audited statements and annual report are ready.

Motion 2023-05-03: To adjourn the public portion of the May 17, 2023 YLUPC Meeting #1.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Tess McLeod

*Motion Passed*

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### **11.0 In Camera**

Motion 2023-05-04: To deposit a portion of the YLUPC funding into Guaranteed Investment Certificates as per the spreadsheet provided to Council.

Moved by Lois Craig

Seconded by Tess McLeod

*Motion Passed*

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Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes #1 2023-24 by Motion # 2 at Regular Board Meeting #2 2023-24.

YLUPC Chair

YLUPC Director

Sept. 8 / 2023.  
Date

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